

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2978 - HB 2985

March 5, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases the threshold from \$25,000 to \$250,000 for certain public works projects (state, county, municipal or other political subdivisions of the state) that would be exempt from requiring a registered architect, engineer, or landscape architect if the construction or maintenance does not alter the structural, mechanical, or electrical system of the project. Authorizes a state or political subdivision of the state to enter into agreements with a registered architect, engineer or landscape architect to reuse such plans more than once for a period of five years from their original drafting if no structural, mechanical or electrical alterations are necessary for such additional use.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Expenditures – Not Significant

Decrease Local Expenditures – Not Significant

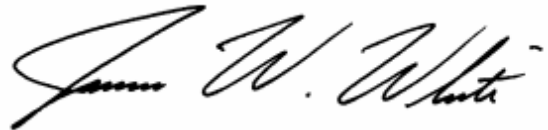
Assumptions:

- Decrease in state and local expenditures if such government entities were no longer required to use registered professionals for certain public projects between \$25,000 and \$250,000. Such decrease in expenditures would depend on the number of projects that would now come under the \$250,000 threshold, and the cost of using a professional who is registered versus one who is not registered to design the project.
- Decrease in state and local expenditures if design plans could be reused for a period of five years. Government entities would not be prohibited from reusing plans for separate projects and taking advantage of reduced rates for services, as long as the original designer enters into such an agreement/contract with the government entity and is involved in the actual reuse.
- According to the State Architect, if the owner, or other design professional is used to site adapt the original design, this practice would be in conflict with the Architectural and Engineering Licensing laws.
- In order to reuse plans, there would also be responsibility for assuring such plans meet current codes and the liability for such responsibility rests with the design professional.

- The decrease in state and local expenditures depends on the number of times such non-registered professionals would be used for these projects and the number of such professionals who would agree to allow the reuse of their plans without additional compensation. Such decrease in expenditures cannot be determined but is estimated to be not significant overall.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly legible, and "W." in the middle.

James W. White, Executive Director

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